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# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, September 26, 1726.

From the Evening Post, Sept. 17.

Dantzick, Sept. 11.

**T**hey write from Warsaw, That the King of Poland designed to set out for Grodno as Yesterday, his Majesty will tarry some Time by the Way, at the Country Seat of the Count Breuchy, Ensign of the Crown, who has made proper Dispositions for giving the Diversion of Hunting to his Majesty. All the Senators, Ministers, and Deputies of the several Palatinates are going to Grodno, to assist at the opening of the General Diet of the Kingdom the 28th Inst. under the Direction of the High Chancellor under the Referendarius who is Marshal of the same. The Ambassadors of the Emperor and France, as also the Ministers of Prussia and Holland, will repair to the Diet. The Deliberations of which are like to run chiefly upon the Affairs of Courland, the Poles insisting upon making void the Election of Prince Maurice, intending, after the Death of the present Duke Ferdinand, to divide that Dutchy into Wayvodeships, and Starosties, and annex them to the Crown of Poland, conformable to the Constitutions and Conventions. On the other Hand, it seems the Dutchess Dowager has so far brought the Czerrina over to her Interest, that her Majesty will intercede with the King of Poland for the States of Courland, and desire his Majesty to take them into his Protection, and put a Stop to the Commission and Sentence they are threatned with. 'Tis thought that if Count Maurice can gain his Point, so as to have his Election confirmed, he will marry the said Dutchess.

**Triers, Sept. 14.** The French still go on with making Pontons, and preparing a large Train of Artillery; there are also 200,000 Muskets, and a like Number of Bayonets making at Mefieres, Sedan, and other Places in the French Dominions, which must be ready against next Spring.

**Paris, Sept. 21.** The extinguishing of the Fire in the Forest of Fountainbleau, was rather the Effect of the Rain which fell the 14th & 15th, than of the great Number of Men employed there. It being suspected that the Peasants of the neighbouring Vil-

lages did designedly set the Heath on Fire, in Expectation of having good Pasture there the next Year. an Ordinance has been published, by which they are forbidden, on the Penalty of 100 Crowns for the first Offence, and of being sent to the Gallies for the second, to graze their Cattle where the Fire has been. This is lookt upon as a proper Method for preventing the like Mischief for the future. The Soldiers who were employed in extinguishing the Fire, were allowed 20 Pence a day besides their Pay.

**Brussels, Sept. 23.** The Sale of the East India Goods at Ostend is ended, amounting to two Millions of Livres.

**Soffignan, Sept. 11.** The Differences between the King of Sardinia and the Republic of Genoa increase daily, insomuch that the neighbouring Princes begin to dread the Consequences.

**Petersburg, Sept. 5.** Our Fleet rides still at Anchor out and in sight of the Port of Cronstadt, where probably they will continue as long as the British and Danish Squadrons stay before Revel.

From the St. James's Evening Post-Sept. 17.

**Soffignen, Sept. 4.** We see here a Copy of the Pope's Letter to the Roman Catholick Cantons, about the Pains they have taken to reclaim those of Lucern from their Disobedience to the Holy See, which is in Substance as follows:

"That his Holiness returns them Thanks for their Care and Pains to bring those of Lucern back to their Duty: That he assures them of his most paternal Affection, and of his sincere Desire to be useful to them: That the Door is still open to receive the guilty, so they would but acknowledge their Fault; that he will receive them to Mercy, and honour them with his greatest Affection, offering to forget what is past, and to pardon their ill Behaviour: In default of which, the Pope declares at the End of his Letter, he will treat them with the utmost Rigor, and that he will employ the most effectual Means to make them return to the Obedience they owe to the Holy See, from which, adds he, we are informed they have a Mind to withdraw."

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*Hague, Sept. 20.* The States of the Province of Holland, now assembled here, having disposed of several Commissions vacant in the Troops of their Repartition, have now under Deliberation the settling Funds for maintaining the Augmentation of their Troops: And their Admiralties are come hither, to be consulted on the easiest and most equal Methods of collecting the new Duties of Goods imported or exported. M. Kalkoen, who is appointed Ambassador from this Republick to the Ottoman Porte, having taken his Leave of the States General, is on his Departure thither.

*Lisbon, Aug. 15.* On the 10th came in here the Lyme Man of War, commanded by the Lord Vere.

*Fountainbleau, Sept. 19.* On the 17th in the Morning the King went to see the Camp formed in the Plain of Chailly by the Regiments of French and Swiss Guards, employed in extinguishing the Fire which lasted several Days in the Forest: The King passed to the Head of the Camp, and stopping at the Right, saw their Decampment, marching towards Paris. The same Day Mr. Walpole, the K. of G. Britain's Ambassador Extraordinary, had a private Audience of the King, wherein he notified to his Majesty the Death of Prince Maximilian William, his Britannick Majesty's Brother: He was conducted to this Audience by the Chevalier de Saintot, Introducer of Ambassadors.

'Tis confirmed by Letters from Rome, dispatched by Cardinal Polignac, that on the 14th the Pope, in a Consistory, had raised to the Purple the Ancient Bishop of Frejus, recommended by his Most Christian Majesty to that Dignity.

*London, Sept. 17.* Monday next his Majesty designs to divert himself again with shooting in the New Park near Richmond, if the Weather permits; the necessary Preparations are making for that Purpose.

Yesterday-morning the First Regiment of Foot Guards was reviewed by Sir Charles Wills in Hyde Park, and made an extraordinary Appearance, to the entire Satisfaction of that General and many other great Officers present.

One Mr. Booklyes a Bookseller in Caermarthen, having been convicted of Counterfeiting the Stamps on Parchment, is to be executed for the same on Saturday se'nnight next.

Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Grafton Lord Chamberlain of the Household, gave Orders for an Alteration to be made in the Court Mourning for the Death of Prince Maximilian the King's Brother, viz. the Noblemen and Gentlemen to appear in co-

loured Gloves and Swords, and the Ladies in Laced Linnen.

*Reading, Sept. 15.* This Morning about 8 a-clock, at Groveland a Mile and a half hence, Farmer Stevens's Barn was set on Fire, by a Flash of Lightning, which burnt all the Wheat, Barley, Beans, Peas, and all that was in it, and also burnt a Cart-house to the Ground, but our Engines being sent to their Assistance, the Dwelling House with much Difficulty was saved. A Woman on Horseback coming thro' our Turnpike, was struck off her Horse by a Clap of Thunder, and her Cloaths very much sing'd by the Lightning. David Picket a West Country Bargeman, had the Mast of his Barge, shivered to Pieces by the Thunder, and the Sails burnt to Ashes by the Lightning. Tuesday a Man who keeps the Jolly Sailor in this Town, and a poor travelling Fellow, playing the Fool together, with each a Gun in his Hand, the Landlord presented his Piece at the other's Head (not knowing it was charged) and shot him dead.

*From the Daily Journal, Sept. 17.*

*Petersburg, Aug. 31.* Some of the Magistrates of the City of Moscow, are arrived here, and having waited upon the Czarina, were graciously received; and Prince Menzicoff was ordered to declare her Majesty's Pleasure, That she intended to make a Tour thither before the Winter. The said Magistrates having taken their Leave of the Czarina, returned homeward Yesterday. We hear Preparations are making for her Majesty's Departure thither, but 'tis not certain whether the Foreign Ministers will follow, her stay being, as 'tis said, not to be long. Count Maurice of Saxony, continues his earnest Solicitations to our Sovereign, to favour him in his Election, to succeed to the Duke of Courland: We impatiently expect to hear the Decision of the said Election. Some Letters from Courland say, That the Courlanders insist very strenuously to maintain their Rights and Privileges, alledging they ought to be declared free, and that all Elections of a Successor to that Duchy, should be carried on without either Solicitation or Compulsion, which are not agreeable to Freedom.

*Naples, Aug. 24.* Letters from Rome say, That the Pope has been indisposed of a Pleurisy, but having taken Physick, he was pretty well again; and that the new Promotion of Cardinals which was suddenly to be made, had drawn thither several Persons of

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Distinction. They write from Vienna, That the Pope and the Emperor, have as good as agreed upon the Nomination of Curates to the vacant Benefices in his Imperial Majesty's Dominions, as also the Bishopricks.

*Petersburg, Aug. 31.* Mynheer Wilde, the Dutch Resident, had some Days ago an Audience of the Czarina, wherein he acquainted her Majesty, that the Accession of his Masters to the Treaty of Hanover should not break off the good Understanding which for some Years has subsisted between the Court of Russia and the States General, in case her Majesty was willing to continue the same.

*Naples, Aug. 24.* We have had for two Month past very hot Weather; notwithstanding which the 2 Months before having proved wet, our Harvest has proved very good. We have received Advice from Dalmatia, That the Plague has made a great Havock at Cairo and Alexandria, that the Foreign Ministers dare not venture to transact any Affairs there (for fear of the Infection) otherwise than by Letters; and all Things they receive from those Places are obliged to be aired, &c. before they use or touch them. Our Viceroy has thereupon given the necessary Directions to the Council of Health, to order the Officers not to permit any Vessel from such infected Place to enter any Port of this Kingdom, without performing a Quarentain of 30 Days. Mount Vesuvius, which of late had been pretty still, vomited last Week great Quantities of Pumice and other combustible Matters, but did no other Damage than fright some of the Inhabitants, lest their Cattle should perish; but they drove 'em away in Time to the neighbouring Pastures, till the Irruption ceased.

*London, Sept. 17.* A Centinel of the Foot Guards is to be shot next Thursday for Desertion.

Thursday last a leaden Pipe was taken out of the Earth in Fleet-street, near the Temple, which appears to have been there above 700 Years, being dated 1020.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, Sept. 20.*

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, one from France, and one from Flanders.

According to Advices from Vienna, Madrid, and Petersburg, no Dispositions were yet making by these Powers of complying with the Terms proposed by his British Majesty for preserving the Peace of Europe: On the contrary, they still labour with the utmost Assiduity to strengthen themselves by Alliances, &c. And 'tis even assured, that not on-

ly the Elector of Triers, but also those of Cologne, Bavaria, and Palatine, have acceded to the Vienna Treaty: All which, 'tis said, gives extraordinary Joy, to the Emperor. But we wonder what his Imperial Majesty can think of th' Accession of the States General to the Hanover Treaty, and of the Augmentation of their Troops; or of the Treaty which the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel (Father of the K. of Sweden) has made with their H. Mightinesses, to furnish them with 8000 Men upon Occasion: And of their endeavouring to engage the K. of Sardinia, who is also augmenting his Troops, into the Hanover Treaty.

Yesterday the Drawing of the State Lottery at Guildhall began, the most considerable Prizes were the following: No. 67477, and 97979, a Thousand L. each: No. 2023, and 57696, one of which was a Horse (so called) let out at 15 L. and No. 78933, at five Hundred L. as first drawn.

The Commission appointing the Lord Londsale, Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets, in Room of the Duke of Bolton, is passing the Seals: And the Charter for building the Bridge over the Thames at Putney, is expected down this Week at the Crown Office. And 'tis talked that a Patent is shortly expected there, constituting the Lord Londonderry Governour of Jamaica.

Wednesday came on the Election of a Member of Parl. for Hartford in the Room of Governour Harris, now one of the Postmasters General: 'Tis talked Mr. Crozier will be chosen, his Interest being very great there, of which Place he had formerly been Representative for many Years. 'Tis said Sir John Hare will carry that for Gloucester, in Room of Mr. Snell, if he puts up; But they talk of Sir Edward Just, and Major Hanburrow's Son.

On Sunday last died Judge Dormer at his House in Lincoln's Inn-fields near 80 Years of Age. 'Tis said Alderman Barber is dead; but of this we cannot yet be certain. Duke Hamilton, 'tis said, will be made a Knight of the most ancient Order of the Thistle, vacant by the Death of the E. of Cadogan.

'Tis discoursed that the Prince, Princess, and three young Princesses, are about to go to the Bath in Somersetshire. They write from Edinburgh, That on the 8th Inst. Mr. James Ferguson Advocate, was married to the Lady Jean Maitland. Last Night Mr. Green a Custom-house Officer, seized upon Eping Forest, a Coach laden with Tea and other Bale Goods, &c. from India.

By the last Flanders Mail we have Account of the

Sale of our Woollen Goods at the Fair of Messina proving very advantageous. Capt. Palestine arrived Yesterday in the Downs, in 16 Days from Cadix, and gives Account, that he left Sir John Jennings with his Squadron off of that Harbour; and that the Governor refused to suffer any of the Fleet to enter there, but admitted such Persons on Shore as Sir John thought proper to send. But notwithstanding what we have suggested from thence, we need be under no Anxiety, since we have a Navy able to protect and secure us in the Enjoyment of our Trade abroad.

*From the Evening Post, Sept. 20.*

Rome, July 27. 'Tis generally reported here that the Reconciliation 'twixt the Chevalier de S. George and his Consort is as good as made up; the Cardinals Corradini, Coscia, Imperiali, Marescotti and Alberoni having laboured to bring it about, together with Sigr. Larcari Secretary of State, and Sig. Viviani the Pope's Confessor: So that the Chevalier his Journey to Bologna will not take; at which the Holy Father is overjoyed, and has declared, that he longs to give him his paternal Benediction.

Hamburg, Sept. 24. Our Letters which came in Yesterday from Revel advise, That the English and Danish Squadrons have weighed Anchor, and steered towards the Coast of Sweden, which they suppose is only done with a Design to see what the Czarina's Fleet, consisting of 22 fine Men of War, and 130 well manned Gallies, will undertake.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, Sept. 20.*

London, Sept. 20. Yesterday the late Earl of Seaford set out for the Bath to visit his Mother.

Letters from Jamaica dated the 14th of July advise, That the Spaniards had seized the *Rich*, a Galley of Bristol, Capt. Thomas Harro, at or near Hispaniola, under Pretence of her carrying on a clandestine Trade.

We are assured that Sir Gilbert Elliot of Stobbs, Bart. who lately killed Colonel Stuart in Scotland, arrived at Rotterdam the 13th Inst.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, Sept. 20.*

Paris, Sept. 20. 'Tis said it will not be long now, ere we shall know what to depend upon as to the

Reconciliation between the Courts of France and Spain, it being certain that Couriers are continually passing betwixt Fountainbleau and Madrid.

Paris, Sept. 29. On Sunday last the King received the Sacrament from the late Bishop of Frejus, now Cardinal de Fleury.

Edinburgh, Sept. 26. We hear from all Quarters, of great Losses sustain'd by the late heavy Rains.

N. B. There having been so great a Demand for the *Mercury* of Monday last, on account of the valuable Receipt for the Bite of a mad Dog, insert therein; the said Receipt is now printed off separately, and may be had at Mr. Symmers's Shop in the Parliament-clois, and at the Coffee-houses in Town for one Halfpenny.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

¶ Whereas in the Night betwixt the 14th & 15th of September Inst. several Persons armed did violently break open the outer Gates of Mr. Roupel, Collector of the Customs at Preston-pans, and did endeavour to get into his MAJESTY'S WARE-HOUSE there: The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Pound Sterling to any Person who shall discover One or more of those guilty in the said Offence, so as he or they be legally Convicted thereof. And the Discoverer's Name shall, if desired, be kept secret.

By Order of the Commissioners.

BEAUMONT HOTHAM Secretary.

¶ That there is a strayed Horse in the Custody of Thomas Finlay Sheriff depute of Kincross, of a Chestnut Colour, with a Snip in his Forehead, and a white Spot above his Nose, four white Feet, and some small white Spots on his Side, black Tail'd and Man'd, fourteen Hands high, about the Age of six Years: Let the Owner bring sufficient Proof of his Property, and he may get him.

¶ That there is to the Number of 280 Trees all fine large old Planting, consisting of ASHES, PLAINS, and ELMS, growing on the West Side of the Orchard of Inverpafay, clois upon the North Side of the Water of Earn, and within ten Miles of the Town of Perth, are to be exposed to Sale by Way of Roup, within the Dwelling House of Duncan Morison at Kirkhill of Inverpafay, upon Tuesday the 18th Day of October next, betwixt the Hours of 10 and 12 in the Forenoon. Any that has a Mind to see the said Timber, may call at the said Duncan Morison, at any Time betwixt and the Day of the Roup, who will shew them the same distinctly.

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